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COUNCIL AGENDA:

April 18, 2006

TO:

City Council

VIA:

Dennis R. Halloway, City Manager

FROM:

Rolland R. Crawford, Division Chief/Fire Marshal

SUBJECT:

Extension of Weed Abatement Contract

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the current contract with Larry Jacinto Farming, Inc. for weed abatement services be extended through the Spring 2006 season, at the same rates, terms and conditions.

## **BACKGROUND**

A contractor is used for weed abatement (via disking, mowing, weed removal, etc.) on parcels of land that are found to be a fire hazard due to weeds, but whose owner or other person(s) in charge of the property did not abate.

Invitations to bid for the contract are sent to approximately 30 known contractors each time the weed abatement contract is due for renewal. During the last solicitation for bids, Larry Jacinto Farming, Inc. was the sole bidder.

## <u>ANALYSIS</u>

The bid invitation and contractor selection process is time consuming. An extension of the current contract will make it unnecessary to conduct the process before the end of the fiscal year. The rates charged by Larry Jacinto Farming, Inc. continue to be competitive.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

No increased costs. The existing Purchase Order with Larry Jacinto Farming, Inc. will be extended to the end of the current fiscal year.